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Commissioner Jane Henney

Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1

Food and Drug Administration Dockets Management Branch

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Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am writing to express my concerns about FDA's regulation of genetically engineered foods, (FDA Docket Number 00P-1211/CP1)

To protect my ability to choose, all genetically engineered foods must be labeled.

I am requesting mandatory pre-market safety testing on all genetically engineered foods.

Additionally, I am requesting a moratorium on the development of new genetically engineered foods.

Studies show that genetically engineered foods could create new toxins, *antibiotic* resistance, allergic reactions and other dietary risks for consumers and therefore should not be generally recognized as safe eating!

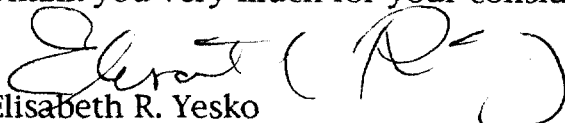
Without mandatory labeling, individuals with ethical or religious dietary concerns may be unknowingly consuming foods that contain genes from other species.

In addition to health risks, genetically engineered foods pose a significant threat to the environment because of transgenic pollution. Genetic contamination of wild plant species threatens biodiversity. Similarly, organic crops are being contaminated by genetically engineered crops.

The FDA must change its policy so that labeling of genetically engineered foods is mandatory!

We must re-establish our sacred understanding of nature, the earth and the interconnectedness of all things. It is essential for the health and well being of all people to have respect for mother nature. We must take care of the water, the air, the animals, the trees and the food that we eat and it will takes care of us!

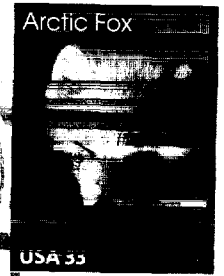
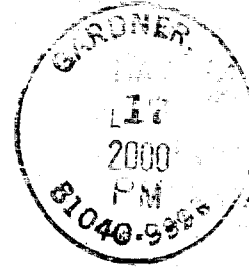
Thank you very much for your consideration.


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